



Wards 4 & 7 NPA Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2015
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Robert E. Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Court

Meeting Start: 7:05pm

Welcome & Introductions

Facilitator: Chris Trombley

Ground Rules and Announcements

We are now collecting food for the north end food shelf. Please feel free to bring to any future meetings.

Responding to concerns, the Steering Committee will try to give preference to residents of Ward 4 and 7.

Martin Lee, Department of Public Works – Crosswalk Proposal Presentation (presentation was by Michael Dickinson?)

The plan includes installation of new sidewalks with handicap accessible ramps. New traffic signs and warning signs, including advanced crossing signs.

Intersection and crosswalks near Kilarney Drive and Village Green: Includes warning device that pedestrian activates to notify vehicles and bicycles. Pedestrian is still responsible for ensuring that traffic has stopped before proceeding. New pedestrian-scale street lighting to better illuminate the crossings, especially at night.

Concerns were raised about the locations of crossings being incompatible with the location of bus stops, and the feasibility of plowing.

[there was also great debate over a design inclusion of a "refuge" area to be located in the turning lane, for the crossing area spanning greatest distance near Elks club] overall, the impression was that there was lack of coordination between DPW, CCTA (bus stops), existing crossings, the pilot study (bike lanes effected) and this had undefined placement for 5th crossing). We felt sorry for the engineer, who looked to be without answers that DPW should have given him questions to be prepared for.

Michael Warren, BPD – Presentation About Animals in Hot Cars

We have grant money to purchase new signage to inform drivers about maintaining appropriate and safe speeds. Especially this time of year, we get a lot of phone calls about animals being left in hot cars. We are working with animal control and the community service officer to handle these complaints. The warning zone is between 85 degrees and 103 degrees; after 103 degrees, we are authorized to enter the vehicle, as animals will enter distress shortly after. We are rarely forced to break a window, as typically we can alert the vehicle owner through a store's page system. When calls are made to police, dispatchers will assist getting proper response to site, even if they have to talk to caller. New State Statute was cited, review tape for details.

Chapin Spencer, DPW – North Ave Pilot Updates and Community Feedback

We've made adjustments based on community feedback, such as changes to signal cycles, more clear markings, and a bus pull-in by the shopping center.

The average daily traffic is up slightly from this time last year, 17,037 vehicles which represents an increase of 801 vehicles, or 5%. Southbound average daily bike use is up to 93 per day, an increase of 21 daily bikes, or 30%.

[DPW mentioned specifically that their data was not scientific, there was also a great amount of complaints and negative feedback including serious concerns about safety that members in attendance wanted urgent attention to, that covered most of the whiteboard that we took pictures of to save time writing it down]

Elected and Appointed Officials

Dave Hartnett: The pilot project has been a positive step overall, however, ballards are aesthetically unappealing and unsafe. The clock has run out on the Moran Plant, and I'd like to see it torn down and turned into a public park and community space.

Joanna Cole: Would like to see education funding moved from local taxes to state taxes. On energy efficiency, Burlington Electric and Vermont Gas are working with homeowners and businesses to reduce energy costs and increase efficiency.

Tom Ayers: The Planning Commission and Planning and Zoning Staff have submitted their zoning proposals relating to the mall redevelopment. It is anticipated that decisions will be made at September meetings.

Meeting Adjourn: 9:00pm

Steering Committee Members: Martha Molpus, Michael McGarghan, Linda Deliduka, Chris Trombly

Note Taker: Matt Ketcham, CEDO Intern

Meeting was recorded on video,